

NAVIGATION.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 19, sec. 72.

156. No person shall unload or throw out the ballast of any boat or vessel into the navigable rivers or creeks in Somerset county, or make or keep any weirs or hedges in said rivers or creeks so as to injure or obstruct the navigation thereof.

Ibid. sec. 73.

157. Any person who shall be convicted before a justice of the peace for said county of throwing out the ballast of any boat or vessel into said waters in such manner as may obstruct or tend to injure the navigation thereof, or prevent boats or vessels from lying alongside of the wharves; or who shall be convicted of keeping or making any weirs or hedges in the channels of said rivers or creeks, or of throwing stones, shells, gravel, or other things, into said rivers and creeks so as to obstruct and injure the navigation, shall forfeit and pay a sum in the discretion of the justice, not exceeding fifty dollars, one-half to the informer and the other half to the county; this and the preceding section not to apply to the offences mentioned in section 163.

Ibid. sec. 74.

158. All persons owning, commanding or having charge of any boat or vessel navigating said rivers and creeks, shall charge and command all persons belonging to or engaged in the service of such boat or vessel to be careful in the discharge of its ballast, so that section 156 shall not be violated; and if it shall appear that the provisions of said section have been violated from the negligence of the owner, commander or person having charge of any boat or vessel, such person may be fined as aforesaid.

Ibid. sec. 75.

159. It shall be the duty of every justice of the peace of said county, whenever he shall have knowledge or shall be credibly informed of any violation of section 156, to issue a warrant in the name of the State against the person charged, directed to some constable, and on return thereof and the appearance of the party, to hear and determine the matter as he may deem just and right.